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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently amended) A metal separator for a fuel cell provided with:

a first separator member having a first rising wall section formed to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by a predetermined distance, the first rising wall section performing a positional alignment; and

a second separator member having a second rising wall section formed to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by the predetermined distance, the second rising wall section performing a positional alignment[,];

wherein the first rising wall section of the first separator member is fittingly inserted into the second rising wall section of the second separator member[,]; and

the first rising wall section of the first separator member and the second rising wall section of the second separator member are folded to be caulked, thereby being bonded to each other.

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3. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other serves as a manifold for passing a gas.

4. (Currently amended) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other is configured such that a leading edge of the first rising wall section of the first separator member is brought into contact with the second separator member for covering a folding section of the second separator member with a folding section of the first separator member.

5. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 4, wherein a sealant is incorporated into a space formed between the second separator member and the folding section of the first separator member.

6. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 4, wherein a step section is provided at the bonding section of the first separator member and the second separator member.

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7. (Original) A metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 2, wherein, at the bonding section of the first separator member and the second separator member, a plate thickness of at least either one of the first separator member and the second separator member at the bonding section is decreased by a firm and intimate contact between the first separator member and the second separator member.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell containing the steps of:

forming a first rising wall section of a first separator member to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by a predetermined distance, the first rising wall section performing a positional alignment;

forming a second rising wall section of a second separator member to be spaced apart from a formed section for introducing a gas by the predetermined distance, the second rising wall section performing a positional alignment;

inserting the first rising wall section ~~of the first~~

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~~separator member~~ fittingly into the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~;

folding the first rising wall section ~~of the first~~ separator member and the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~; and

caulking the first rising wall section ~~of the first~~ separator member.

10. (Currently amended) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, further containing the step of applying a sealant around the second rising wall section ~~of the second separator member~~ after the inserting step.

11. (Original) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, containing the step of forming a step section at a bonding section of the first separator member and the second separator member.

12. (Original) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other serves as a manifold for passing a gas.

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13. (Currently amended) A bonding method of a metal separator for a fuel cell claimed in Claim 9, wherein a bonding section where the first separator member and the second separator member are bonded to each other is configured such that a leading edge of the first rising wall section of the ~~first separator member~~ is brought into contact with the second separator member for covering a folding section of the second separator member with a folding section of the first separator member.